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SUBJECT: USG RELATIONS WITH UNHCR AND RELATED SUBJECTS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 5046 ; B) BANGKOK 15527; C) STATE 178371

1. REF A REPORT AND COMMENTS APPRECIATED. SUGGEST YOU
THANK CASELLA FOR HIS AND UNHCR'S CONTINUING EFFORTS AND
ASSURE HIM WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT THEM.

2. RE SAIGON 240, REF B (BEING REPEATED TO VIENTIANE)
REPORTS PRG JULY 28 RELEASED THAI SAILORS CAPTURED JULY 7
AS GESTURE IN RESPONSE TO RETURN OF SAIGON 240. ALTHOUGH
USG ROLE WAS ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE IN THIS SITUATION (IN
THAT WE ACQUIESCED IN DEPARTURE OF TUG AND PASSENGERS),
FOR CASELLA'S PURPOSES THIS CAN BE DESCRIBED TO PRG AS
USG (AS WELL AS THAI) GESTURE OF GOODWILL, AND YOU SHOULD
AUTHORIZE HIM TO DO SO.

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3. SUGGEST YOU TELL CASELLA WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF HIS

SUGGESTION RE CONTACT WITH PRG REPS IN NEW YORK BUT HAVE NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE ON THIS SUBJECT FOR TIME BEING.

4. RE CABLES TO PRG RED CROSS, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS FAMILIES OF PRISONERS HAVE ALREADY TRIED THIS BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. NOW THAT POSTAL SERVICE APPARENTLY OPENING TO SVN (PER REF C) FAMILIES OF PRISONERS AND OTHER AMERICANS IN SVN WILL TRY SENDING LETTERS. WE WILL SUGGEST TO FAMILIES THAT THEY AGAIN TRY CABLING AS WELL.

5. CABLED LISTS REQUESTED PARA TEN REF A HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO TEARE.

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